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SUBJECT: CLAIMS AGREEMENT: CHAT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. DURING AIRPORT WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK SOUGHT OUT CHARGE TO ASK HOW THINGS WERE GOING ON THE LONG-GRAVEL AMENDMENT. HE SPENT ALL THE REST OF HIS TIME WITH THE YUGOSLAVS, SO IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE HAD A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE US SITUATION.

2. CHNOUPEK MENTIONED OCTOBER 19 WEINTRAUB ARTICLE IN WASHPOST (STATE 232181) AND INQUIRED INTO CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE. CHARGE FURNISHED SUCH NEWS AS HE HAD (INCLUDING FORTHCOMING DEAL VISIT, WHICH HE SAID WOULD GIVE US A CHANCE TO HEAR THE LATEST NEWS FROM WASHINGTON) AND SAID WE HAD HEARD SOME FAINTLY ENCOURAGING WORD OUT OF WASHINGTON IN RECENT DAYS. CHARGE SAID ATTITUDES NOW SEEMED TO BE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC, AND HE FELT SURE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHERS WERE DOING THEIR BEST TO CONVINCE THE CONGRESS OF THE NEED TO DO WITHOUT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS ON OCTOBER 21 OPENING OF PROGRESS AND ENVIRONMENT EXHIBIT IN BRATISLAVA, ZANTOVSKY
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(HEAD SIXTH DEPARTMENT) SAID CHNOUPEK, UPON HIS RETURN FROM

LATIN AMERICA OCTOBER 20, HAD MADE CLEAR PRIORITY HE GAVE THIS
MATTER. ZANOTVSKY SAID (PRESUMABLY SOMETHING HE HAD SAID IN
WASHINGTON BEFORE, BUT WE HAD NOT HEARD IT SPECIFICALLY) THAT
IF CLAIMS AGREEMENT FELL THROUGH AGAIN, HE THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE FIVE TO TEN YEARS BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS COULD EVEN START
ONCE MORE.
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